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SUBJECT: GREAT LAKES PILOTAGE

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1. WE INQUIRED OF GLEN SHORTLIFFE (DIRECTOR, USA DIVISION, EXTAFF) ON FEBRUARY 6 RESPECTING THE STATE OF PLAY ON OUR AIDE MEMOIRE OF JANUARY 17. SHORTLIFFE (WHO IS NORMALLY FORTHCOMING WITH RESPECT TO GOC THINKING ON BILATERAL ISSUES) DECLINED TO GIVE US ANY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT. HE SIMPLY STATED THAT ISSUE WAS BEING ACTIVELY WORKED ON AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL (WHICH INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH MOT) AND THAT A PAPER WAS BEING PREPARED FOR THE MINISTERS CONCERNED. HE HINTED THAT THE ISSUE MAY GO TO CABINET. INDICATED A FORMAL REPLY WILL BE MADE TO US AT SOME POINT.

2. COMMENT: SHORTLIFFE'S HINT THAT REFERENCE TO CABINET MAY BE REQUIRED SUGGESTS SOME POSSIBILITY OF MODIFICATION IN GOC POSITION IS AT LEAST UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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3. WE SPECULATE--ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE-
THAT IF GOC DECIDES TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING WITH RESPECT
TO THE U.S. DEMANDS, IT MAY RAISE QUESTION OF A QUID PRO
QUO IN SOME REASONABLE RELATED AREA. ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY
REVENUES AND TOLLS (SEE OUR 297) WOULD BE A POSSIBLE
AREA SOMEWHAT RELATED TO PILOTAGE AND THERE MAY BE OTHER
ISSUES BETWEEN US COAST GUARD AND CANADIAN MARINE
AUTHORITIES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN YET RISEN TO HIGH
LEVELS ON THE U.S. SIDE. DOT SHOULD BEAR THIS POSSIBILITY
IN MIND.
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